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<b>Reference</b>	Photo 174
<b>Title</b>	Album of 'Views of Mecca and Medina' by H. A. Mirza & Sons, Photographers
<b>Date(s)</b>	c 1907
<b>Written in</b>	Urdu and English in Arabic and Latin script
<b>Extent and Format</b>	13 b&w; photographic prints within blue card mounts, bound into one volume
<b>Holding Institution</b>	British Library: India Office Records and Private Papers
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#### About this record

##### *Genre/Subject Matter:*

The album contains historical and architectural views of Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia, which relate to a South Asian Muslim perspective of the hadj.

##### *Elements:*

- 1 'Picture of the Tents of the Turks'
- 2 'Picture of the Sanctuary of Medina the Radiant'
- 3 'Picture of the City of Mecca the Great'
- 4 'Picture of the City of Medina the Radiant'
- 5 'Picture of the Sanctuary of Mecca the Great'
- 6 'Picture of Mount 'Arafat'
- 7 'Picture of the City of Medina the Radiant'
- 8 'Picture of the Bab 'Anbari'
- 9 'Picture of the Mosque of Khaif and Mina'

10 'Picture of the Mausoleum of Our Lord Amir Hamza, May God Be Pleased upon Him'

11 'Picture of the Paradise of al-Ma'ala'

12 'Picture of the Paradise Garden of al-Baqi' '

13 'Picture of the Mosque of Quba'

*Distinctive Features:*

Mechanically printed indigo double bars form a decorative frame on each window mount and are set approximately 10mm from edges. These intersect to form cruciform detailing and further decorative features. The same mechanical process and ink have been used to inscribe the initials 'K.P.L.' along the leftmost lower edge of the double bar detailing. In addition, in the same ink, a mechanically printed crescent moon and five-pointed star appear above the caption of each image, in the centre of the uppermost edge of each window mount.

*Inscriptions:*

Urdu inscriptions (nastaliq script) – in the form of prose and poetry, a caption and the name of the photographic firm – in hand applied red ink are set around each image. A stamp, applied directly onto each print and in the lower left-hand corner of each mount in Arabic script reads 'copyright registered'.

*Labels:*

On the verso of each print is a letterpress label describing, in English (Latin) and Arabic script, the image overleaf, all of which following this template:

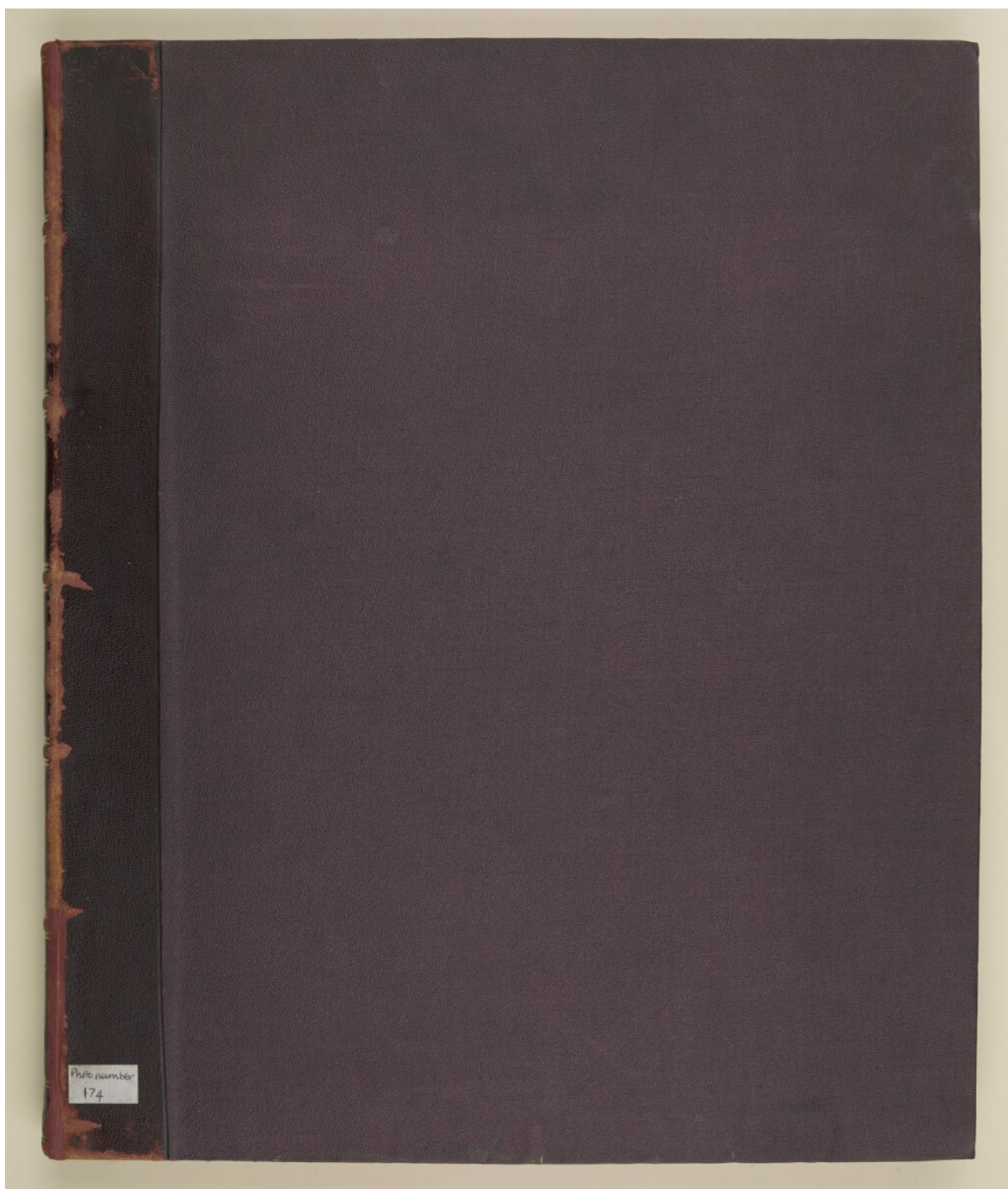
"H. A. Mirza & Sons, Photographers. [...[caption]....with a brief description.] One sheet.  
*Published by the Photographers: Delhi* [Octr. 15, 1907.] 14x18° Litho. 1st Edition. Price, R.1, A4"

*Temporal Context:*

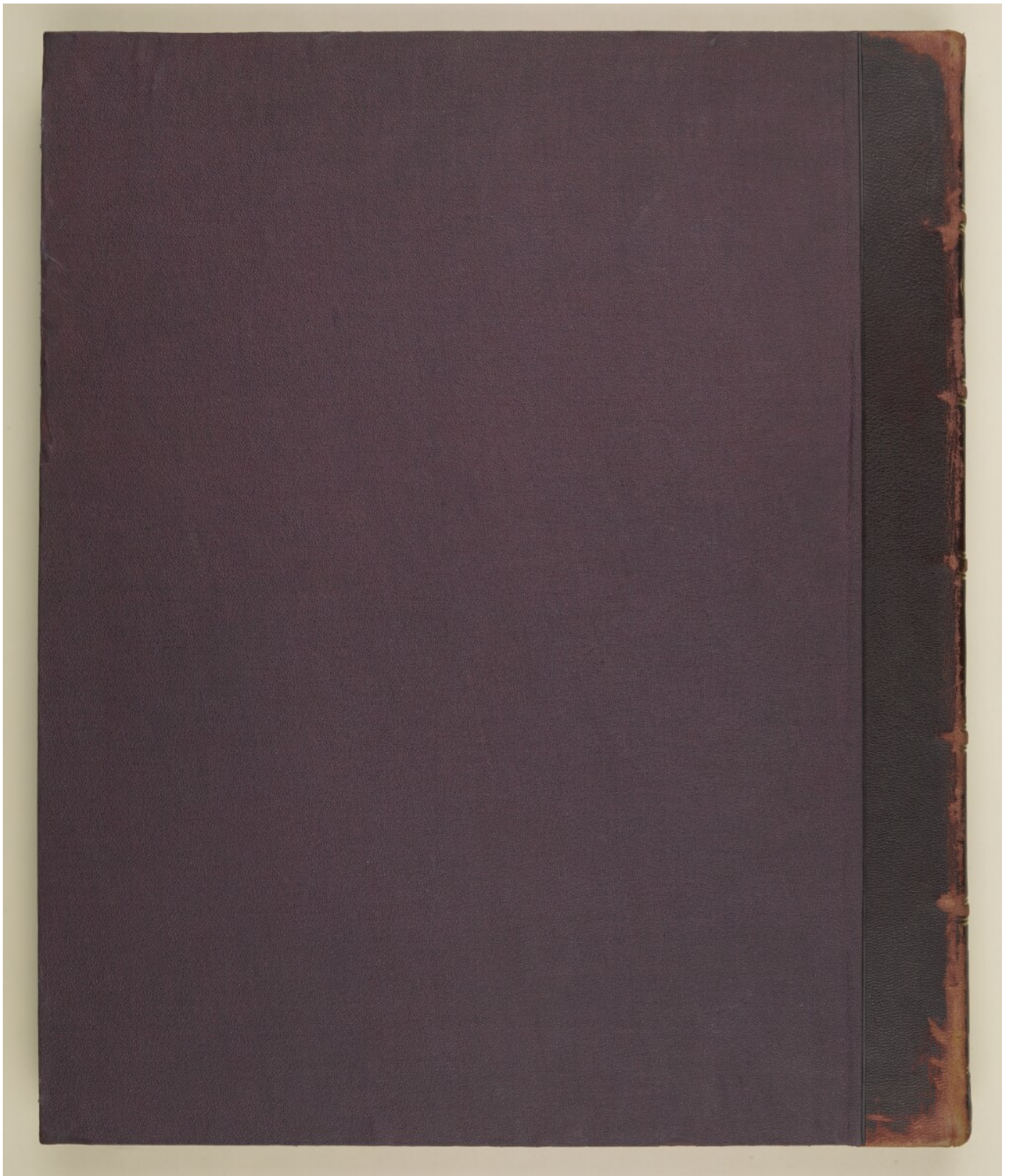
The latest possible creation date of the photographic prints is likely to be 1907, due to the publication date of the photographs by H. A. Mirza & Sons as noted in the label on the verso of each image (15 October 1907). Although officially accessioned to the India Office Library on 19 May 1909 (see ink stamp), it is likely that the affixed label was applied by the India Office Library. The numbering system (138-150) found on the labels follows a sequence laid out in the 'Catalogue of Books registered in the Punjab under Act XXV of 1867 and Act X of 1890 during the quarter ending the 31st March, 1907', since the individually mounted photographs were listed in this order in the catalogue and were likely acquired by the India Office Library soon afterward. Under the premise that all of the photographs were taken on the same occasion and during the hadj in the years prior to their accession and subsequent binding by the India Office Library, the images may date to the following periods, which accord with the 8th to 10th of the lunar month Dhul-Hijjah, 1323 or 1324. (Hijri). Either:

Friday 2–Tuesday 6 February, 1906 CE

Wednesday 23–Sunday 27 January, 1907 CE













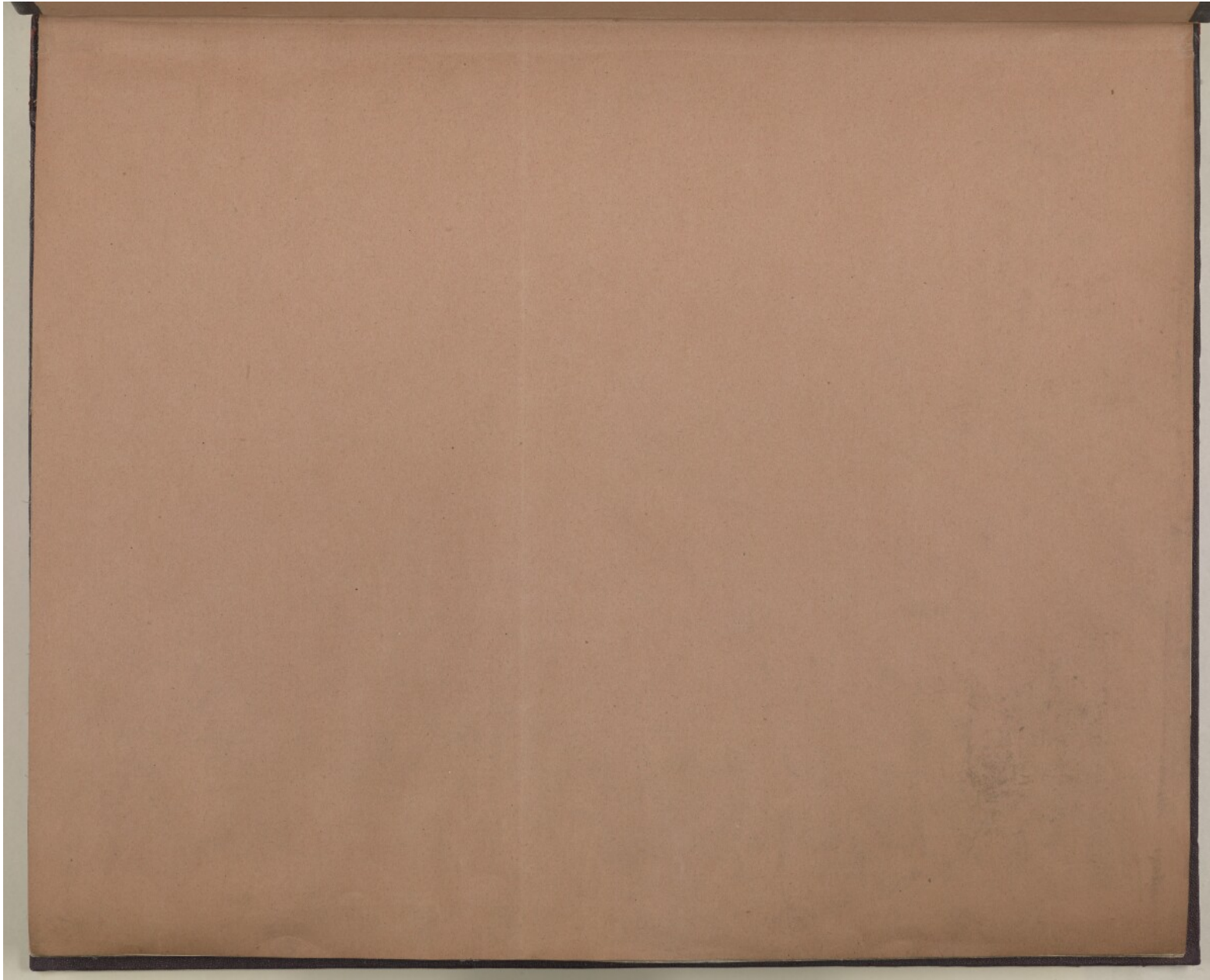








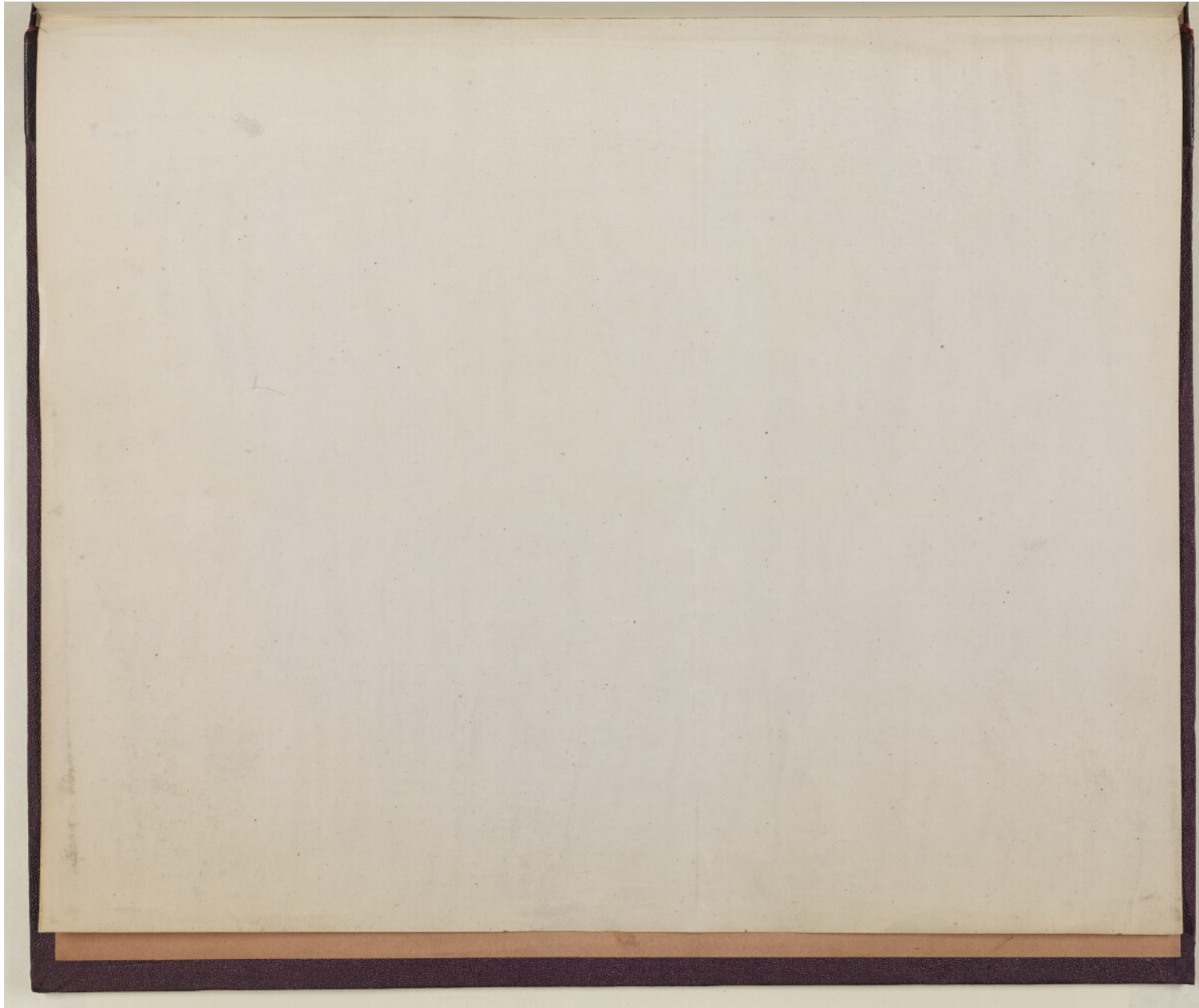


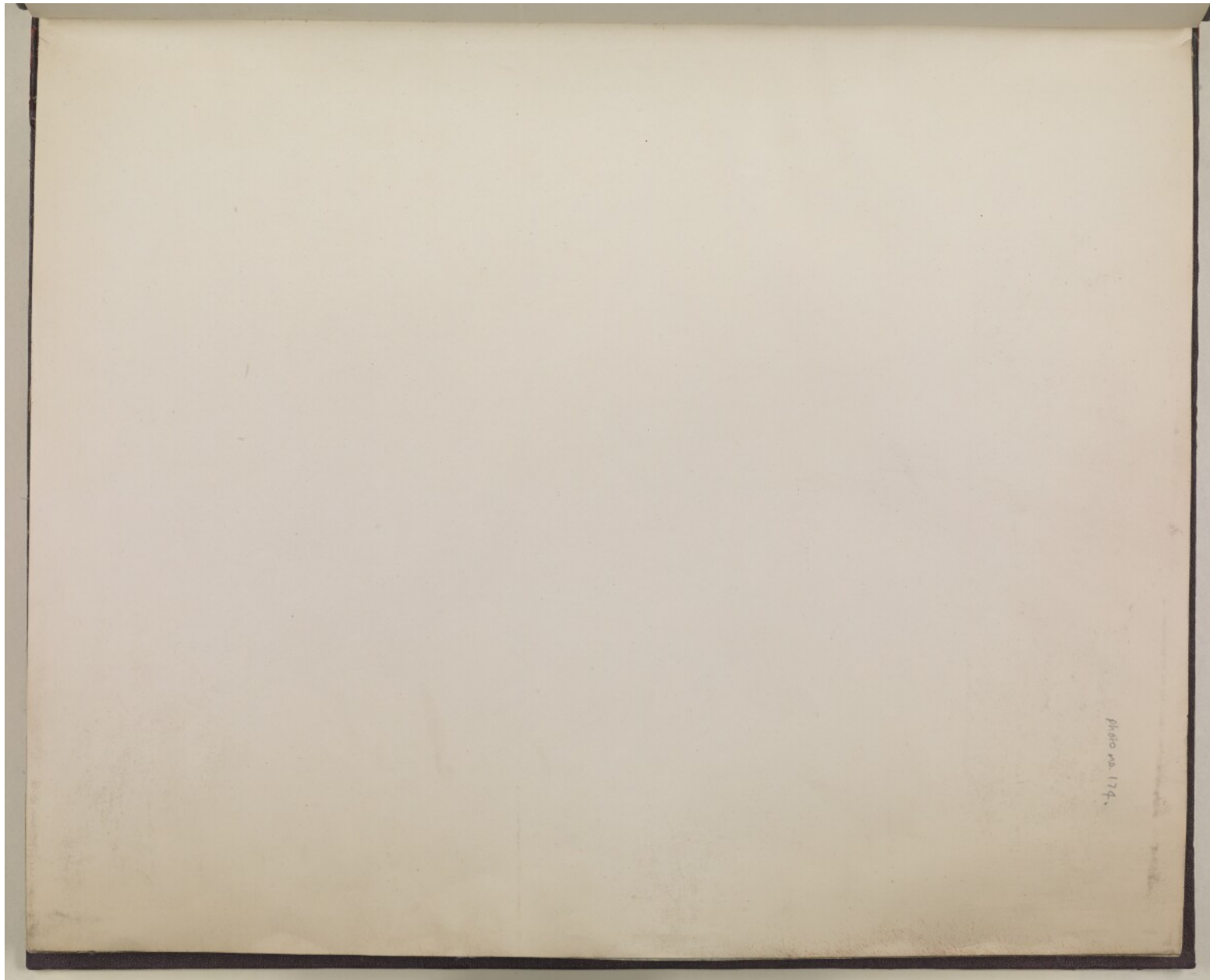




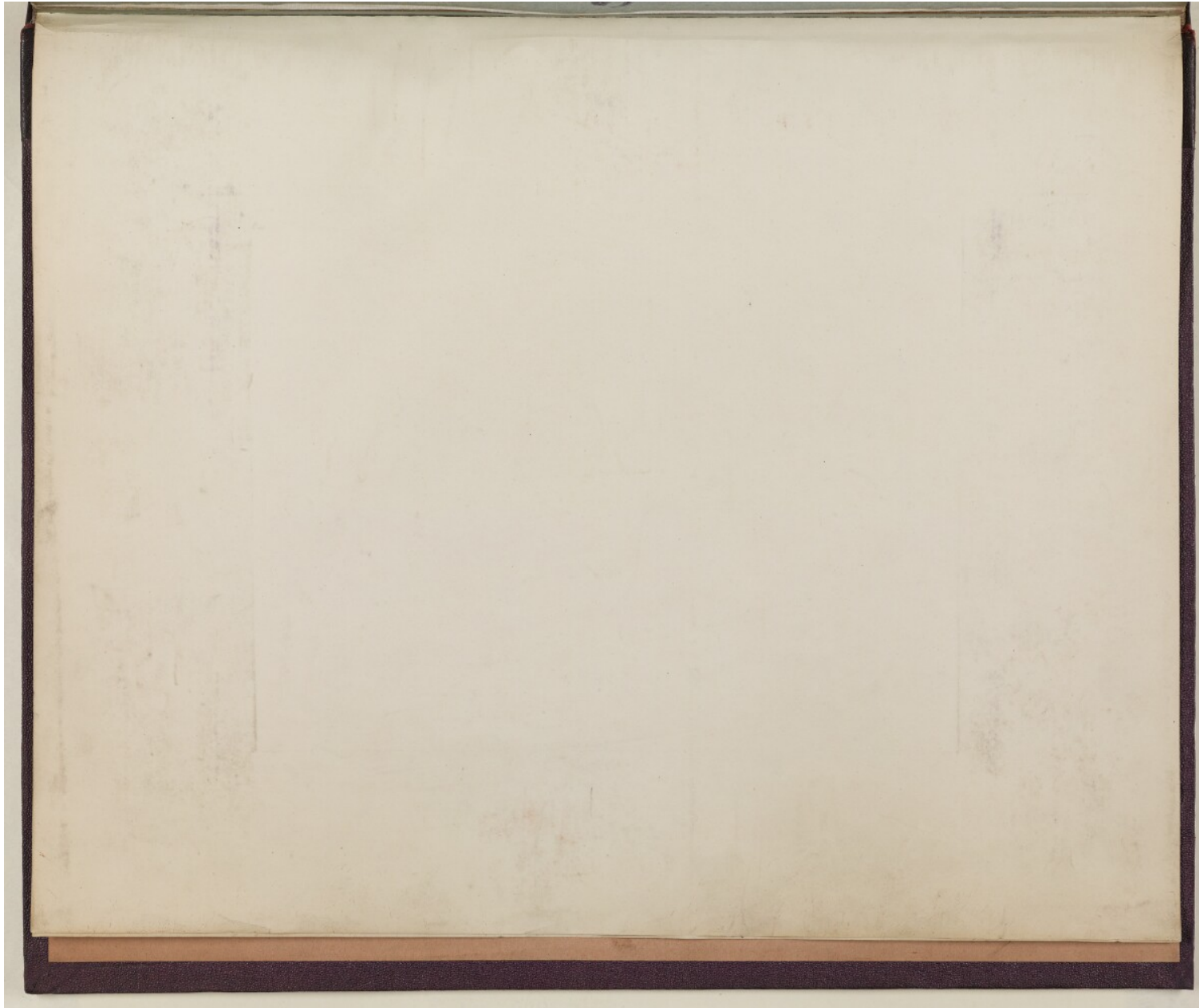


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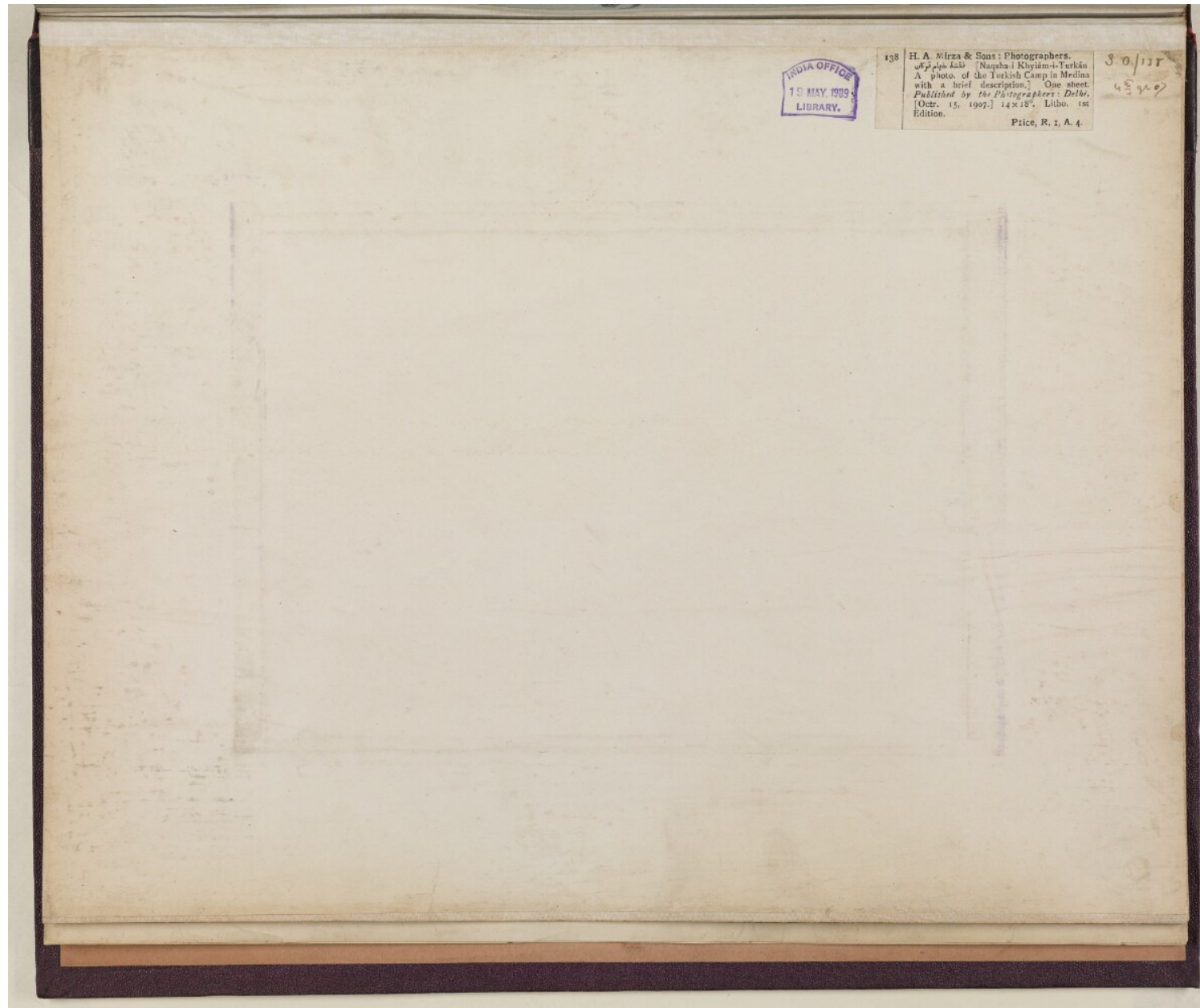








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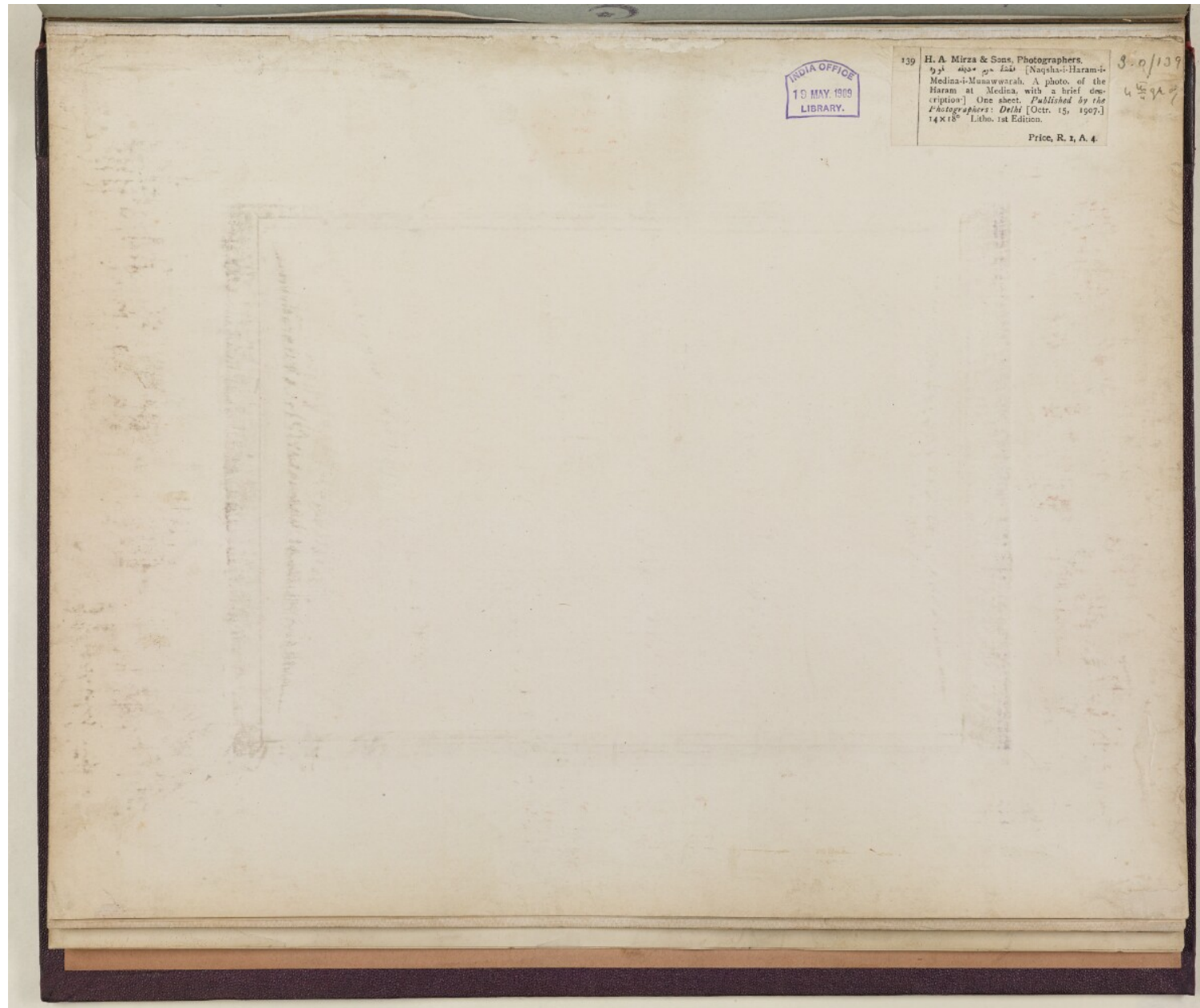








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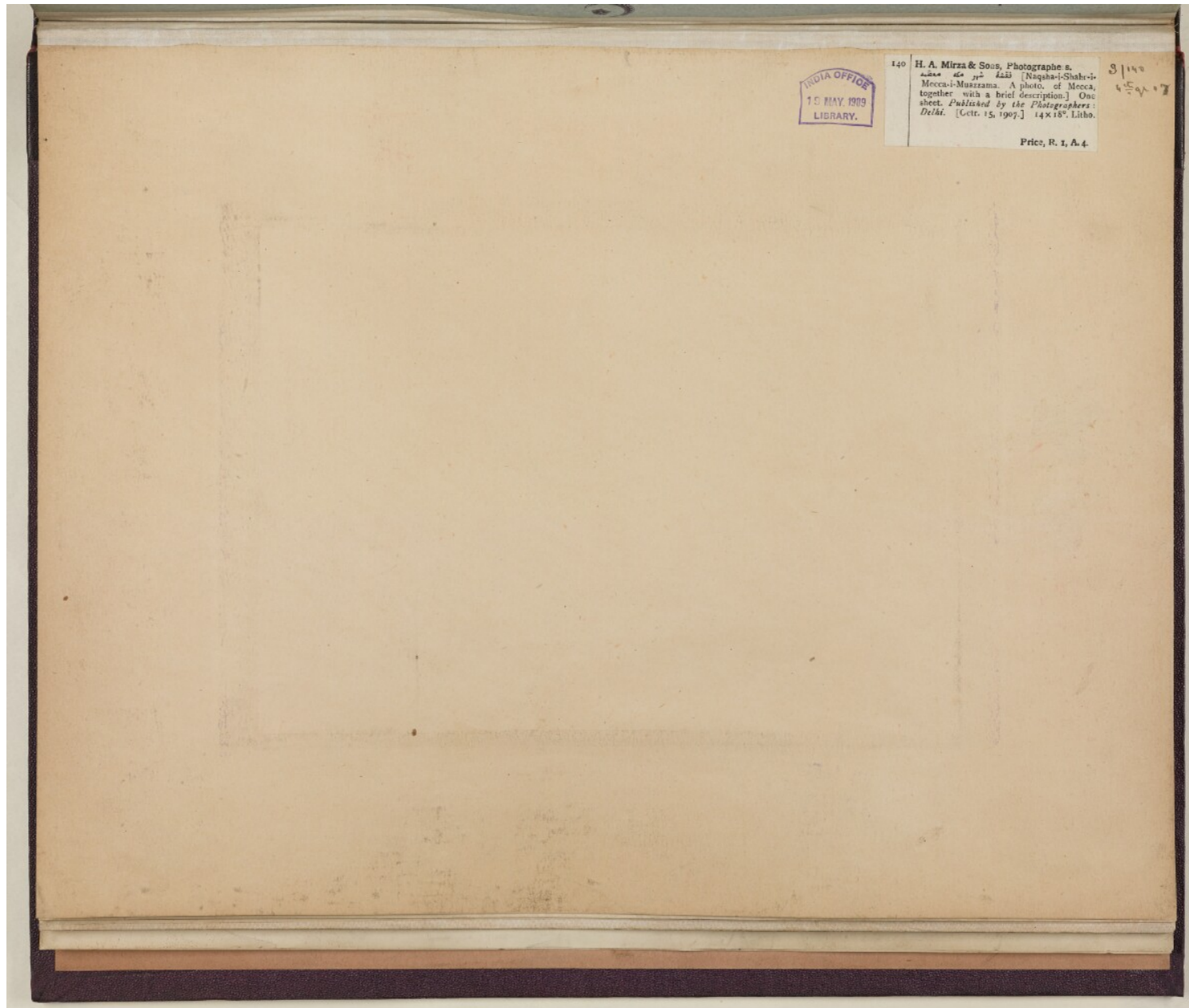








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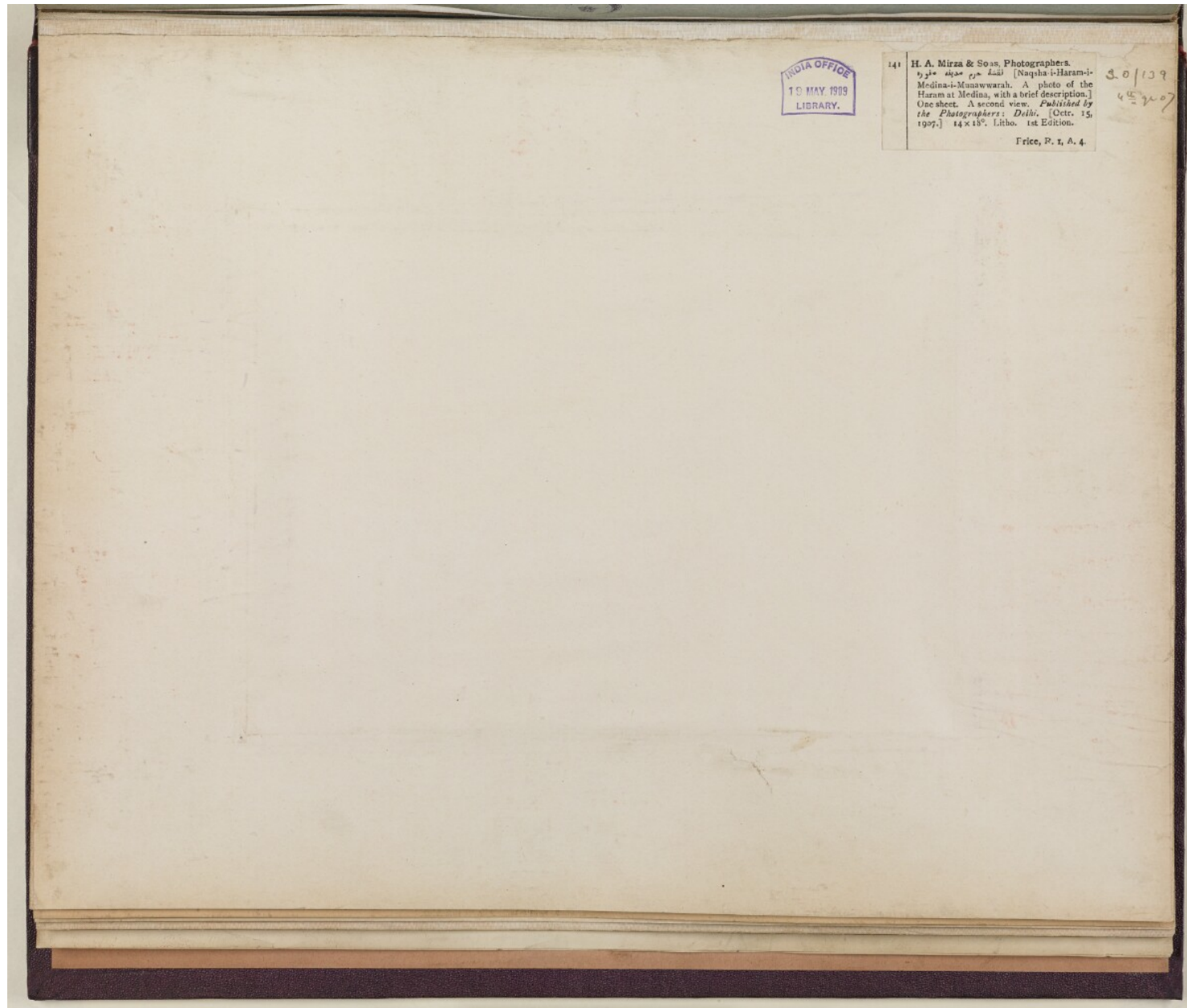




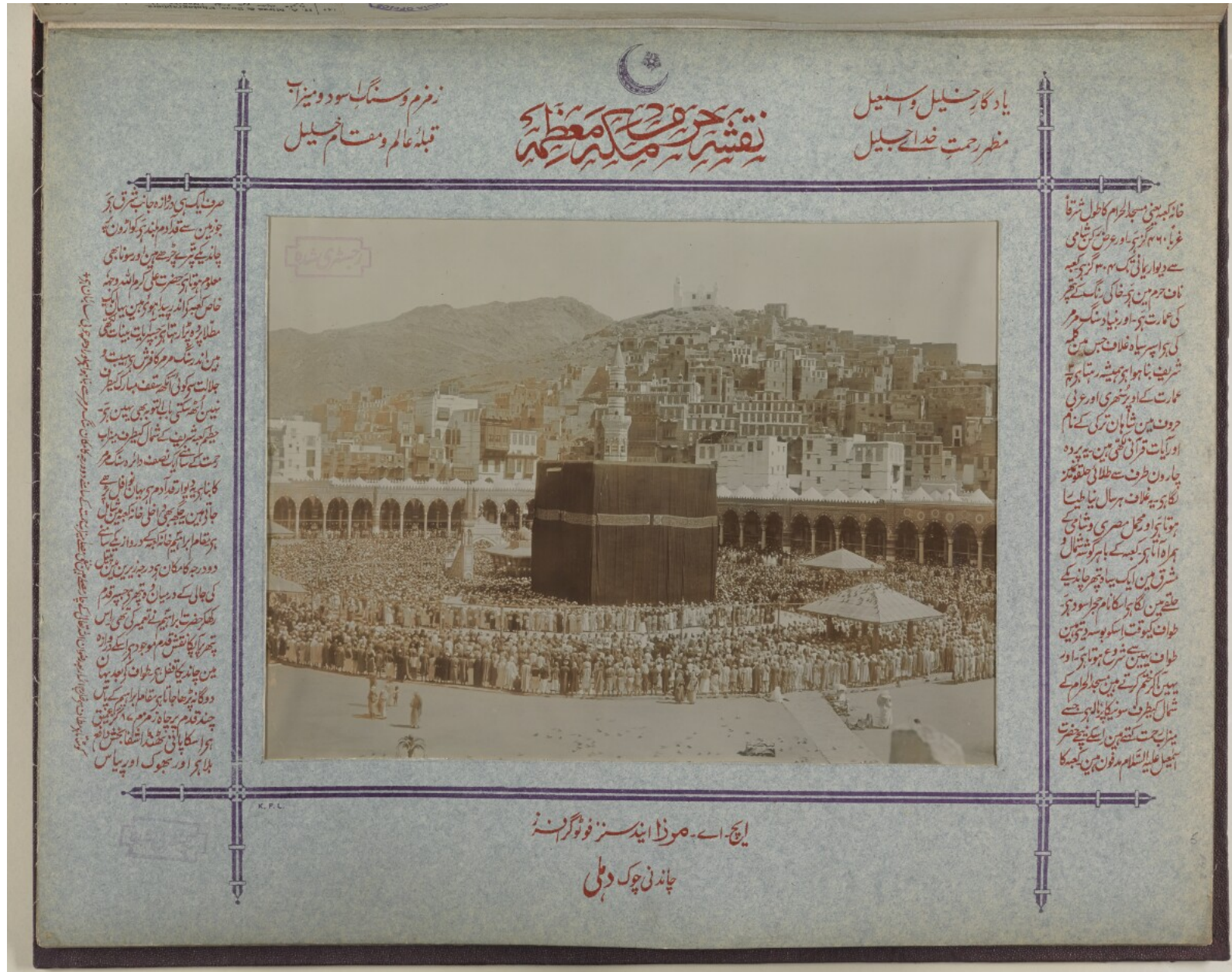




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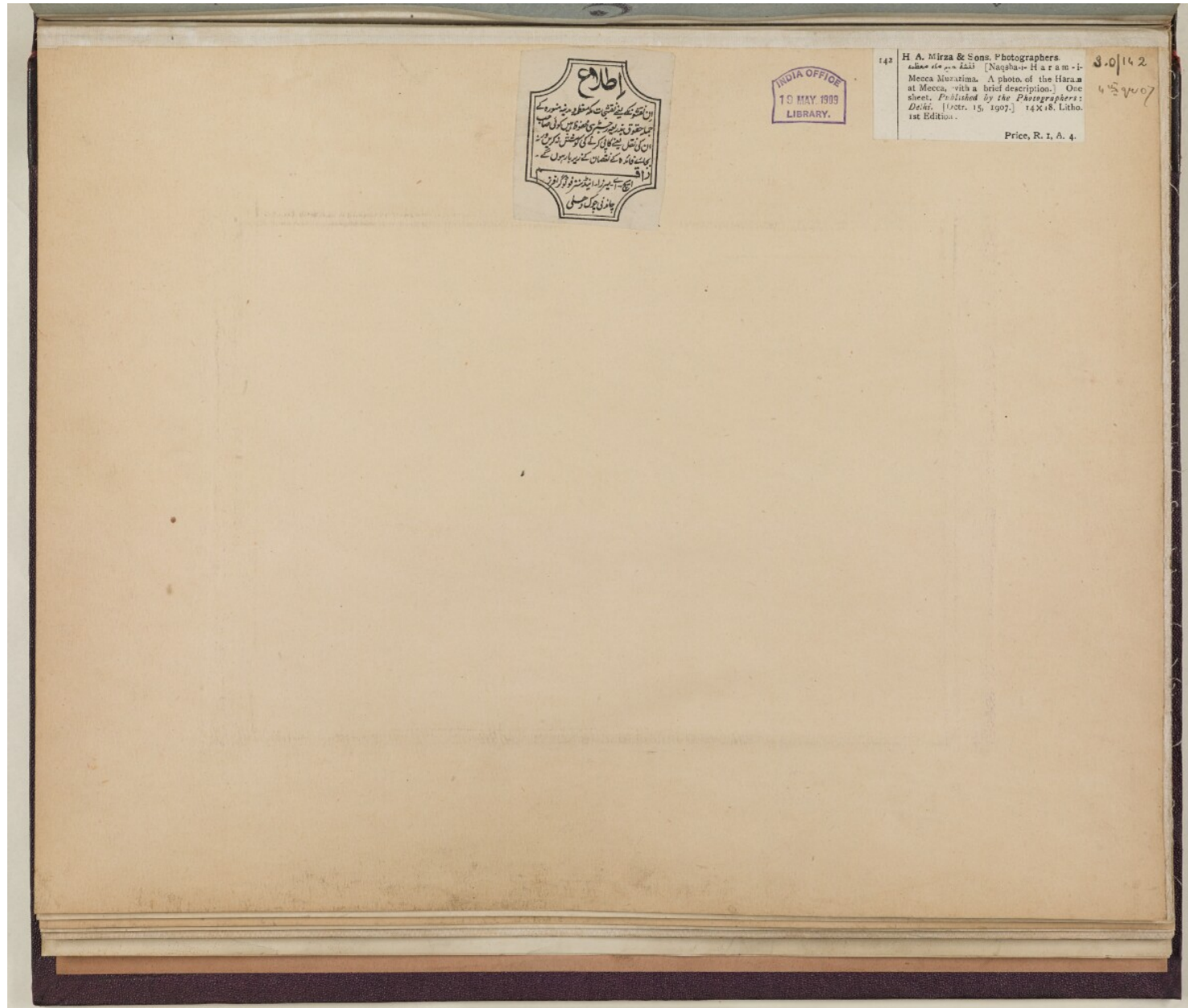








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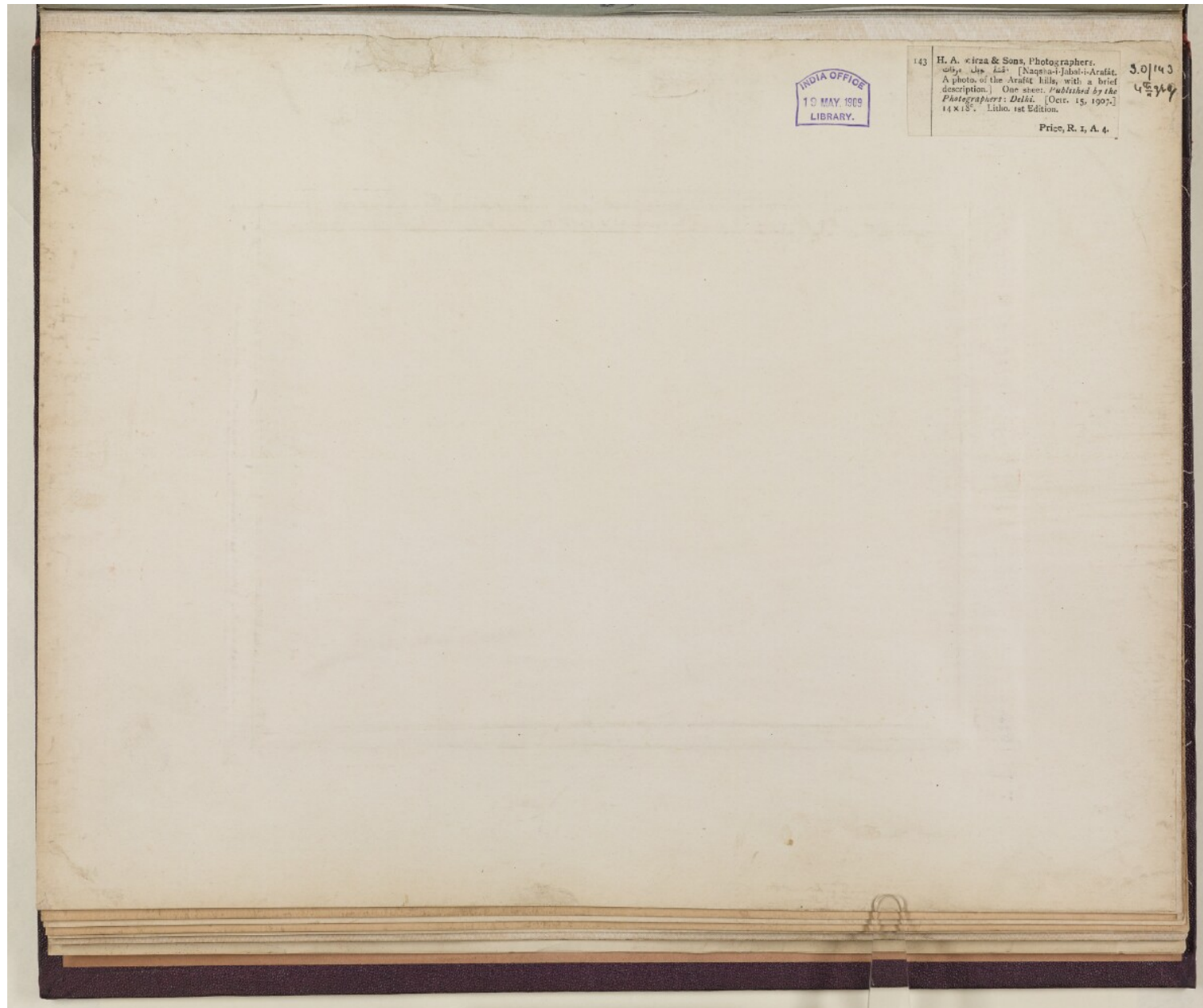
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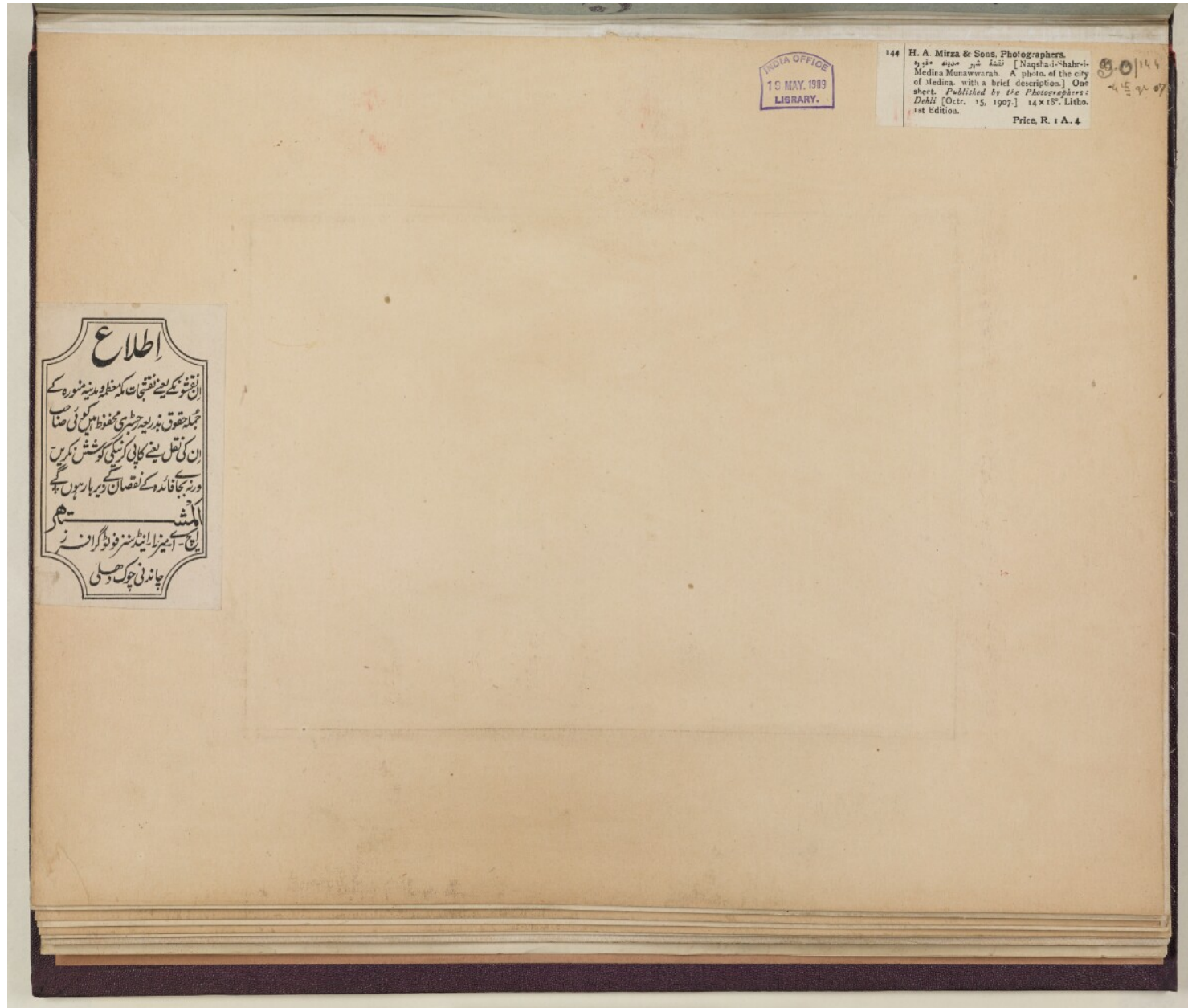








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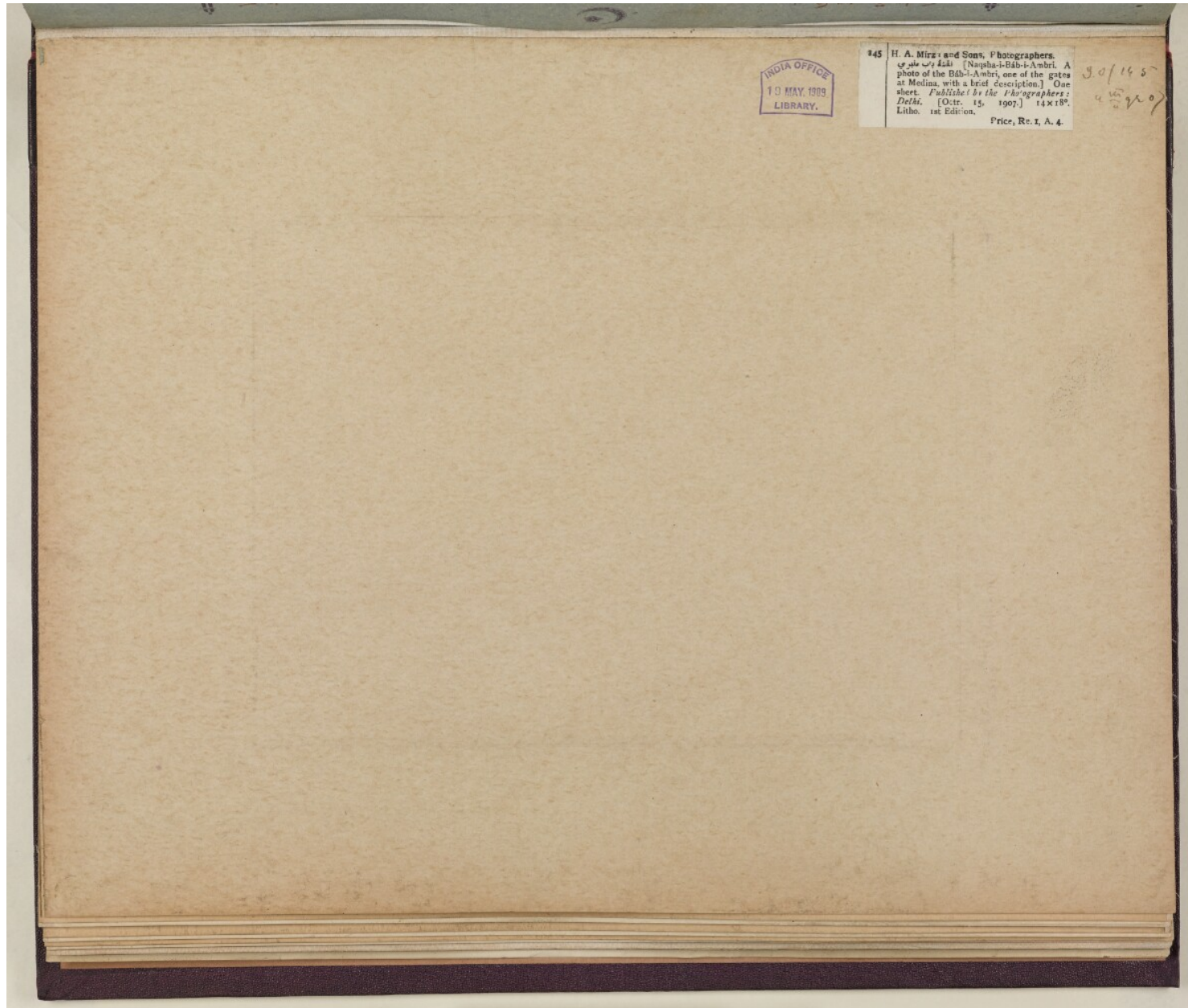
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از شہر مکہ و مدینہ منورہ کے  
جملہ عروق و دریاہ و جہاز و کشتیوں کی  
ان کی نقل و حرکت کی کوشش کریں  
وہر جہاز کا اندر کے اعضاء کے زیر بار ہوں  
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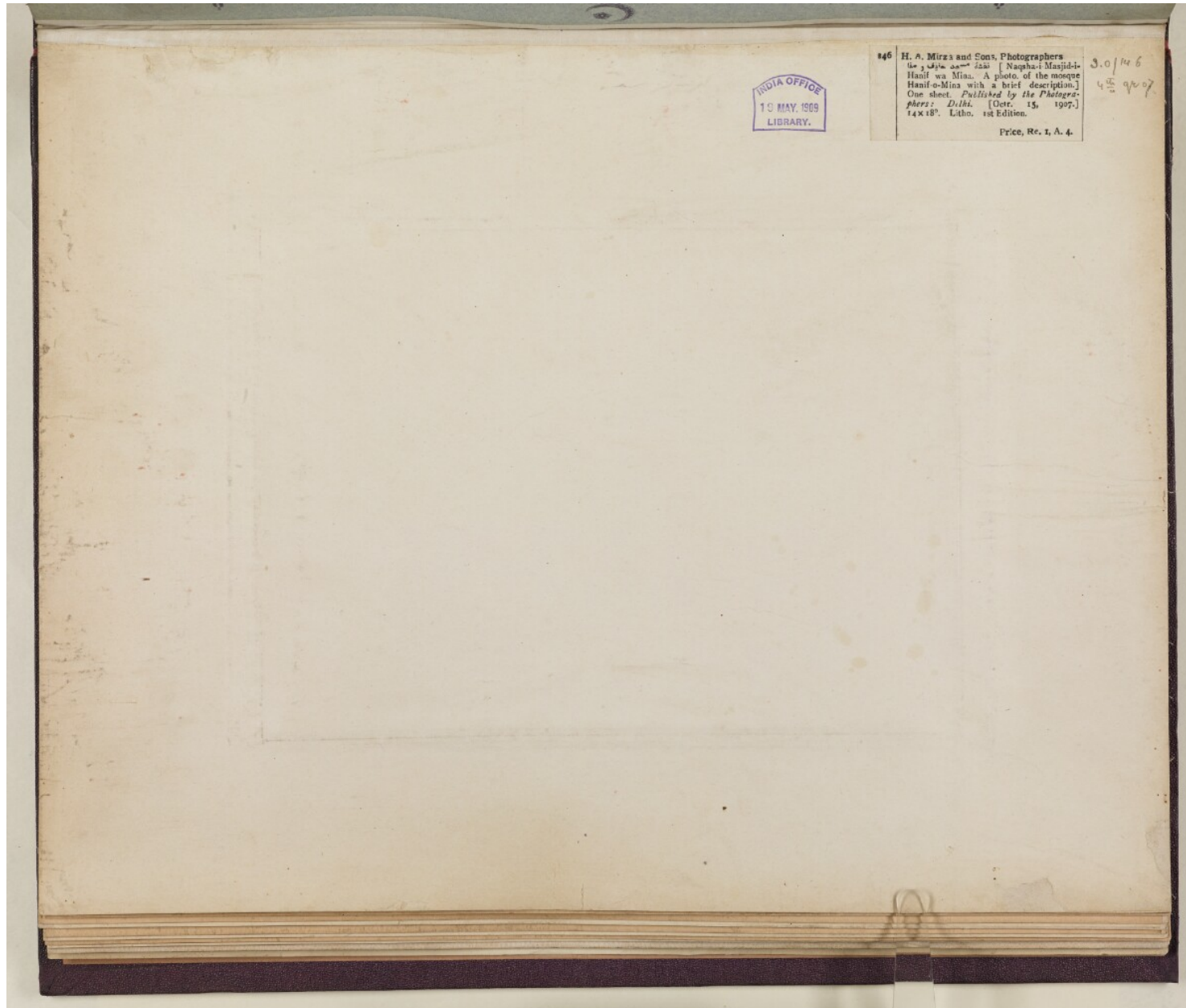








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'Picture of the Mausoleum of Our Lord Amir Hamza, May God Be Pleased upon Him'. Photographer: H. A. Mirza & Sons [10r]  
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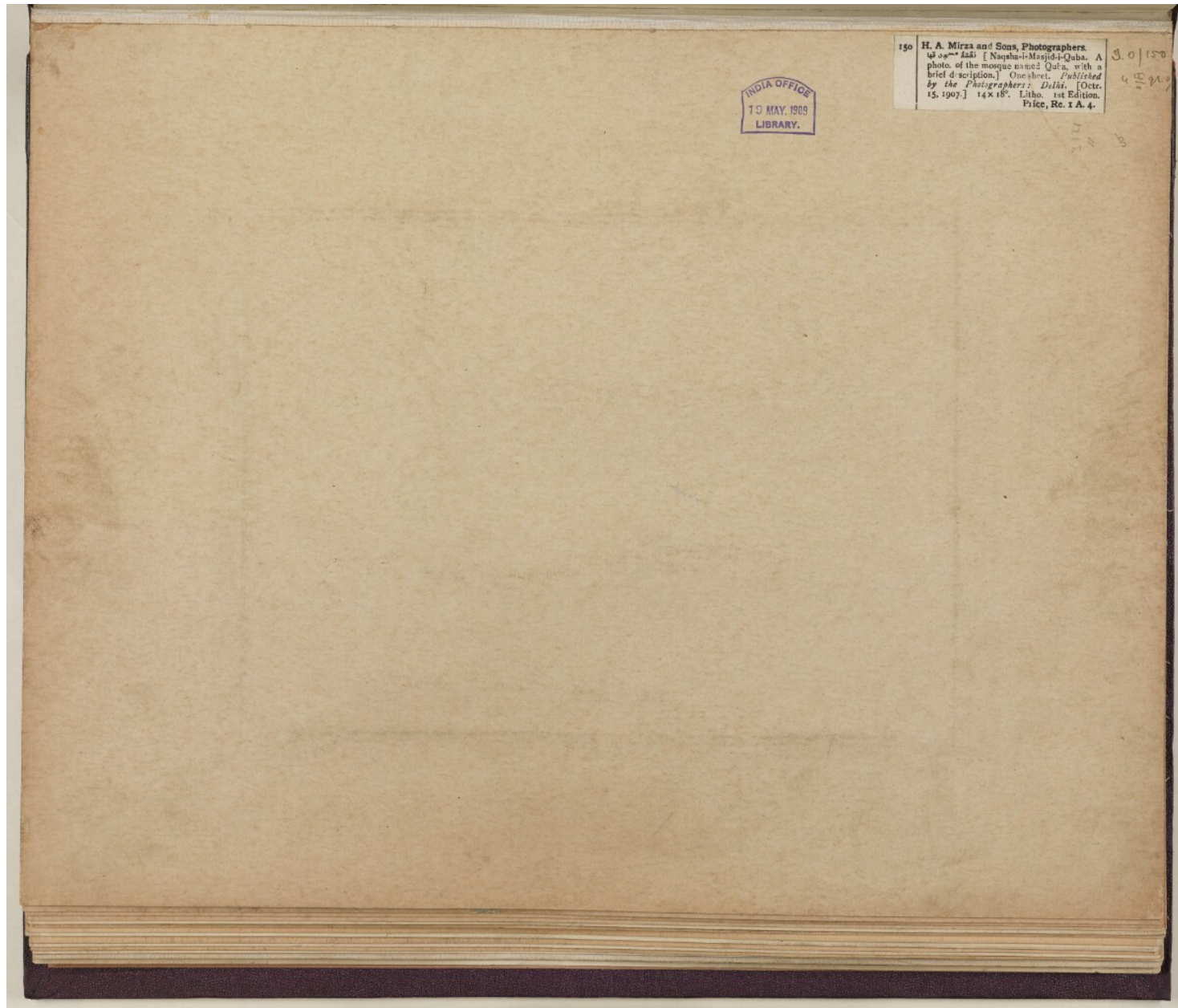








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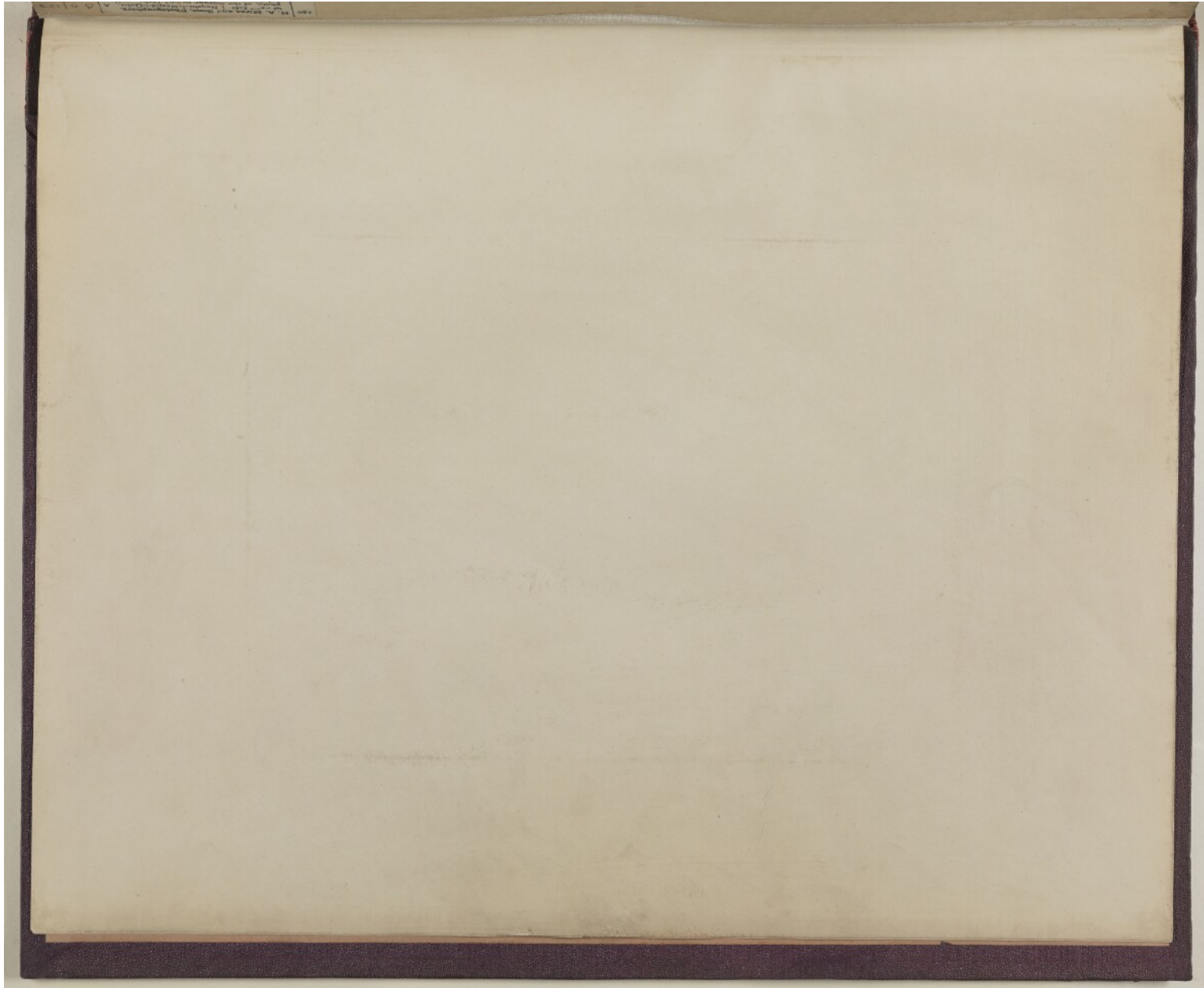
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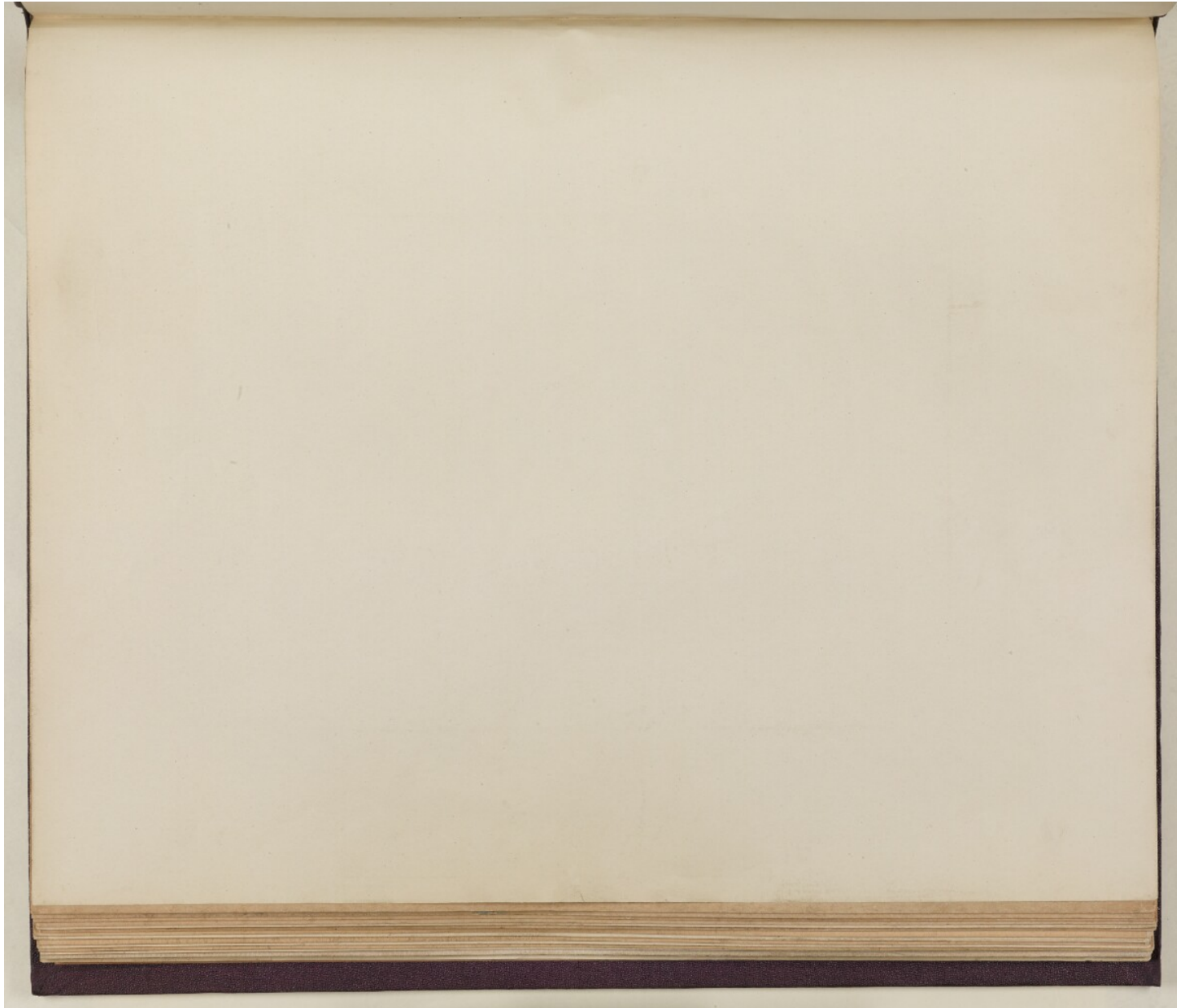
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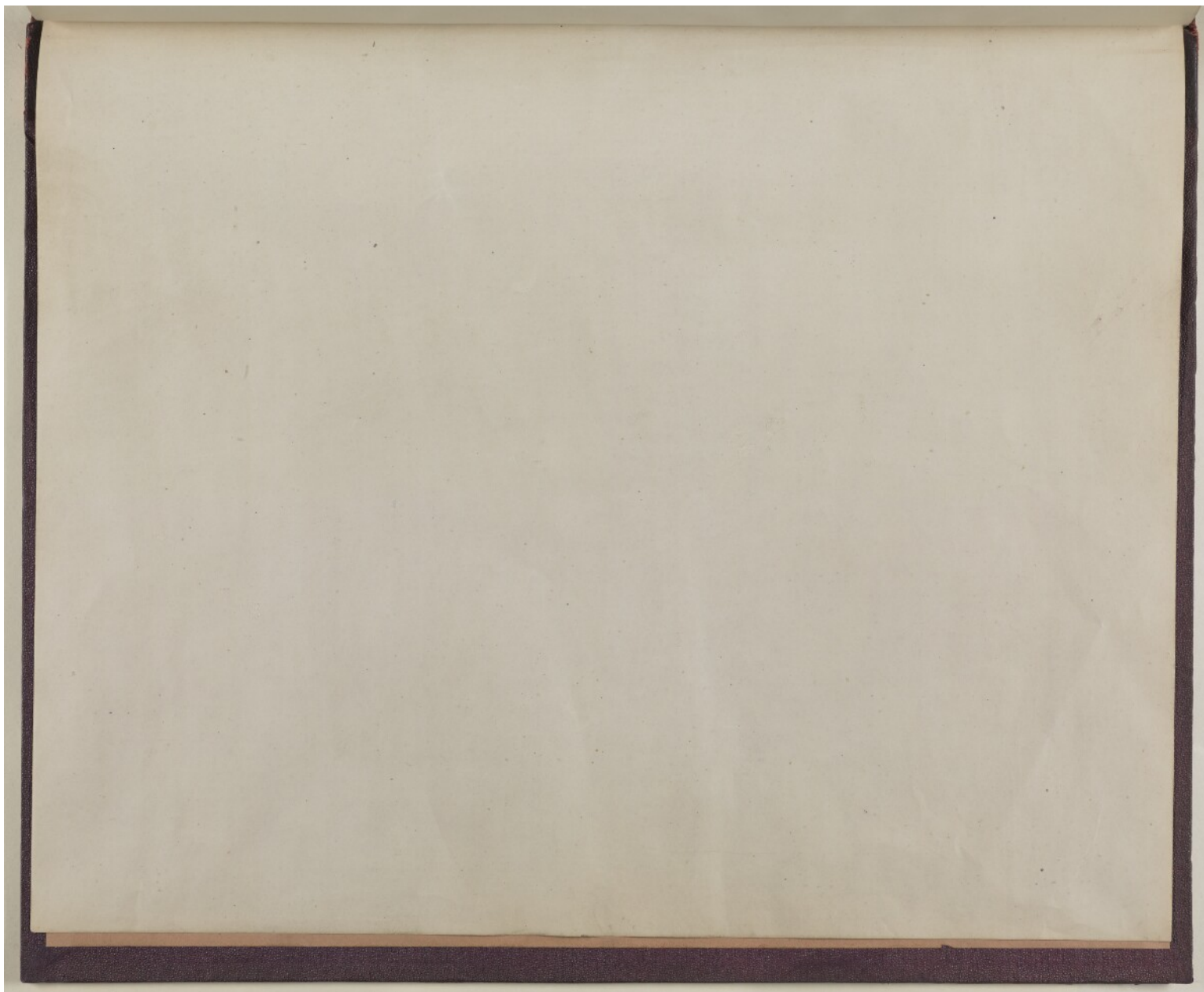
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